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SUBJECT: CUBA AND THE CAYMANS

1. DURING A TALK WITH A VISITING EMBOFF ON JUNE 16, GOVERNOR RUSSELL OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS RAISED THE SUBJECT OF CUBA. SO FAR, THE GOVERNOR SAID, CUBA HAD SHOWN LITTLE INTEREST IN THIS BASTION OF COLONIALISM AT HER DOORSTEP. EARLIER THIS YEAR THERE HAD BEEN AN APPROACH -WITHOUT FOLLOW UP -TO INCLUDE THE ISLE OF PINES AND GRAND CAYMAN IN A TOURIST PACKAGE. IN ANSWER TO THE EMBOFF'S QUESTIONS THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT HE HAD NO EVIDENCE OF CUBAN EFFORTS TO INFILTRATE THE ISLANDS, THE CUBANS DID NOT BROADCAST IN ENGLISH TO THE ISLANDERS AND THERE ARE VERY FEW ATTEMPTS BY CUBANS TO FLEE TO THE BRITISH COLONY. THE ISLAND AND ITS ECONOMY DO NOTHING FOR CUBA SUCH AS HONG KONG AND MACAO DO FOR CHINA.

2. THE GOVERNOR SAID HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE CUBAN ALOOFNESS BUT ADDED HE HOPED IT WOULD CONTINUE. HE HAD NO RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHETHER IT MIGHT BEST BE ENCOURAGED BY MUTUAL RESTRAINT OR GREATER INTEREST
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